



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 387

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alfred Martin Creswell of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Alfred Martin Creswell; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Martin Creswell was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born December 8, 1922, in Cleveland, Ohio, Alfred Martin Creswell resided in Mobile, Alabama, from 1923 to 1930, and later in Talladega, Alabama, from 1930 to 1937; and

WHEREAS, from age fifteen, he was raised on a farm in Nankipoo, Tennessee, by foster parents, E. Marvin Browning and Bertha C. Browning, along with their daughter, Elna Browning McBride; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Creswell attended David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1939 to 1941, and graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK), with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell was a World War II Combat Veteran who proudly served his country as a Lieutenant for the United States Navy in the Underwater Demolition Team, participating in the occupation of Japan and the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country, Alfred Martin Creswell was joined in holy matrimony with Jean Hanlin in 1945, who passed on to her great reward in 1986; and

WHEREAS, after his gallant service in World War II, Dr. Creswell received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 1951, and he began his practice in Union City, Tennessee, serving with colleagues George Davis and Larry Buckles until 1975; and

WHEREAS, while residing in Union City, Dr. Creswell was a member of Exchange Street Church of Christ, the Rotary Club, and Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he served the Union City community with distinction as a charter member of the Union City Council from 1960 to 1964 and as Chairman of the Union City Board of Education during his term from 1964 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell served a term on the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Board of Governors in 1962, and he was an avid sports fan of both UTK and Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from his Union City practice, he served with acumen and alacrity as an Assistant State Veterinarian for the State of Tennessee until his official retirement in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Martin Creswell was blessed to find love again and was joined in marriage with Roberta Volner Smith in 1988, at which point the couple made their home in Jackson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, active in the Jackson community, Dr. Creswell served several terms as a foreman of the Madison County Grand Jury, held membership with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1848, and conducted numerous funeral ceremonies for veterans as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Honor Guard; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell was an active and devout member of the North Jackson Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Creswell was a member of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association, receiving the Meritorious Service Award in 1995, and he was also

the recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post's Judge Gene Walker Award for Outstanding Veteran of the Year in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell is survived by his loving wife, Roberta; his daughters, Elna Jean Butler and Carolyn Williams, the wife of John Williams; his son, Al Creswell, the husband of Michelle Creswell; his stepson Bill Smith, the husband of Emily Smith; his grandsons, Phillip Creswell, the husband of Katie Creswell, and Jay Williams, the husband of Amber Williams; his granddaughters, Abby Remley, the wife of David Remley, Abby Mayall, the wife of Nathan Mayall, and Anna Brignole, the wife of Nick Brignole; and his great-grandchildren, Preston Creswell, Ava Williams, Jacob Mayall, and Ally Brignole; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Creswell's courageous service in World War II stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our Nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Alfred Martin Creswell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Creswell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR